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Two members of Congress charge U.S. interference in Nicaragua.

Rep. Berkley Bedell (D., Iowa) and Rep. Robert G. Torricelli (D., N.J.), who are traveling through Central America, said in an interview Saturday in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, that they are convinced the United States is trying to topple the left-wing Sandinista government. "It is clear that we are involved in an overthrow attempt and that the aid we are giving is not to prevent the flow of arms from Nicaragua to Salvadoran guer-rillas," Bedell said. The men left Honduras for neighboring Nicaragua after a two-day visit with a delegation that included Robert White, former U.S. ambassador to El Salvador. Both congressmen said they believed that U.S. activities violated an amendment passed by Congress in December that prohibits the use of U.S. aid to attempt to overthrow the Nicaraguan government.